### Personal, Social & Emotional Development

Exploring emotions – begin to understand how others might be feeling through happy and sad faces.

Christmas kindness – develop relationships by showing empathy, interest and consideration to others. What does Christmas mean to us? Importance of giving small gifts and cards – focus on giving kindness.

### **Communication and Language**

We will be developing communication and language through stories, songs, rhymes and role play. We will be thinking about the language we use and how different words can mean the same thing e.g. hungry / starving / famished.



## **Physical Development**

Through weekly yoga we will develop a range of ways to move and balance. Fine & Gross Motor Skills – we will have many opportunities to develop our finer movement through playdough, paint, tracing, colouring, tweezers, threading, pencil control and cutting. Our balancing, hopping, skipping, running and climbing skills will be developed in the outdoor environment.

# <u>Literacy</u>

**Phonics** – we are reinforcing the Jolly Phonic sounds already taught with an additional focus on the formation of the letters.

**Literature Works** – The Gruffalo is our core book this term. We will develop our vocabulary, identify rhyme, ask questions, follow instructions and sequence.

**Stories** – we will listen to and talk about a variety of stories from the Pie Corbett Reading Spine.

# Reception - autumn 2





Colour & Christmas

#### Maths

It's Me, 123 / Light & Dark 9 (White Rose Maths)

We will be consolidating *numbers to 5* in a lot of different ways – we will be representing, counting, ordering, subitising (saying without having to count) and writing them. We will also think about one more and one less.

We will be learning about *2D shapes* – circle, triangle, square and rectangle.

### **Understanding the World**

As a class, we will share experiences, learn about festivals and important events and think about why they are celebrated. We will be discovering Bonfire Night, Diwali, Remembrance Sunday, Children in Need and Christmas.











# **Expressive Arts & Design**

We will explore colour mixing and shape based on the artists Jackson Pollock and Wassily Kandinsky.





In December, it's Christmas crafts. We will use our voices and percussion to create sounds for singing and story effects. We will be encouraged to use our imaginations all the time ©

# <u>Continuous Provision – independent discovery</u>

A variety of resources are provided both in the classroom and outside for children to creatively interact with. Continuous provision encourages the children to enhance previously taught concepts and make connections independently.









Home – School Learning This half term we are reinforcing the sounds we have been introduced to – please continue with the flashcards at home. We will be developing fine motor skills and muscle strength (aiming for a pincer grip on their pencil) and the children will be given a pack of tracing / colouring sheets every week to complete at home.

**Reading for Pleasure books** will be changed every Friday – please share these with your child at home... they can use their imagination and tell the story through the pictures – it will be different EVERY time!